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For: PRODUCTION OF 3-PENTENENITRILE
FROM 1,3-BUTADIENE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

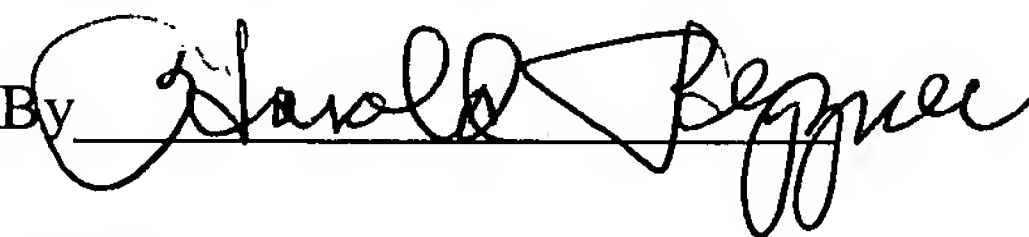
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In accordance with applicants' duty to disclose attached is a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability of the PCT counterpart for the above case. It is noted that the document cited has already been made of record in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application.

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 0000055299	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/EP2005/000784	International filing date (day/month/year) 27.01.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 29.01.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C07C253/10, C07C255/07		
Applicant BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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a. ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

☐ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))

☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)

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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-39 _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

nos. 1-10 _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

sheets 1 _____ as originally filed/furnished

sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1. This report makes reference to the following document:			
D1: WO 98/27054 A (BASF AG; FISCHER, JAKOB; SIEGEL, WOLFGANG; MUNDINGER), 25 June 1998 (1998-06-25)			
<p>The present application relates to a method for producing 3-pentene nitrile by hydrocyanation of 1,3-butadiene.</p> <p>D1 represents the closest prior art and differs from the claimed subject matter in that, after the reaction, the non-reacted 1,3-butadiene and hydrocyanic acid, as well as the other components contained in the reaction mixture, are removed in D1 from the reaction mixture, separated by distillation and recycled; D1 does not disclose features (b)-(d) of claim 1 of the present application, relating to the exact distillation protocol.</p> <p>The present invention can therefore be considered to address the problem of devising another method for producing 3-pentene nitrile. The solution is presented in claim 1 and relates to the special configuration of the distillative separation of the reaction mixture. A person</p>			

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

skilled in the art could not have deduced from the closest prior art in D1 that the distillation device (K1) used for distilling the reaction mixture comprises at least one distillation column with a distillate portion, and/or that the distillation device (K2) used in the method step (c) comprises distillative separation stages between the inlet of stream 3 and the outlet of stream 5, and that the outlet of stream 5 in the distillation device (K2) lies lower than the inlet of stream 3.

Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.